



Hartlebury CE Primary School

December Newsletter Advent

“God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in Him will not perish but will have eternal life” John 3:16

Attendance

We are always striving to encourage children to be in school every day. Every day missed-learning moves on. Our new attendance cup is proving very popular with all classes!! All classes are getting very competitive now, to see which class will win overall! Here are how many times each class has won the weekly cup and the % attendance in that class. The Department for Education’s target is 97%. Overall we have 96% attendance so far.



Reception	Year 1	Year2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
1	1	1	4	1	3	2
94%	95%	93%	97%	95%	97%	96%

Year 3 is currently in the lead, but with 3 weeks left to be awarded it’s anyone’s prize! The reward for the last week of term will be carried over to the first day of next term. No one will miss out!

Goodbye Mr Humphries!

Mr Humphries has decided to leave at the end of this term, to spend more time with his family. We shall all be very sad to see him go but understand his reasons. We wish him well and thank him for his hard work over the past 7 years. Mr Plant, who covered for Mr Humphries when he was off poorly, will be taking over from him on January 1st 2019.



We are sending the wellies home! Playtimes have changed!

Unfortunately, the field is just now just too wet to use; we kept going as long as we could! We are all using the front playground, so playtimes are being affected. At lunch times the children will have 30 minutes outside and 30 minutes inside, with the inside time including their eating in the hall. So far the children seem quite happy with the arrangements and understand why the field is no longer able to be used.



The Winter Sickness Bug

We do have children absent with the annual winter sickness bug. Can I remind all parents that children who have been sick or had a bout of diarrhea must have 48 hours off school from their final episode. This is the Department of Health Guidance and is the only way we prevent the bugs spreading. Children do tell us (in detail sometimes!) when they were last poorly and if there isn’t a 48 hour gap we will call parents to have them collected. Your understanding is appreciated.



Christmas Post

A school post box will be available for your children to post their cards to their friends from Monday 3rd December. The post box will be emptied daily and the cards delivered by the children in Class 6. Should your child wish to post cards, please ensure that they put the full name and class on the envelope so that Class 6 can get the letters to the correct children. The post box will be in the main school corridor, by the cross.



Building Update and TED Day Change- PLEASE NOTE!

The new classrooms, toilets, office space and meeting room are all coming along very nicely, BUT will not be ready for when we come back in January. The builders are running approximately 2 weeks behind. We will be closing on **FRIDAY 25th JANUARY** to move around all the rooms that have been affected by the build. I appreciate this will cause some disruption but promise it will all be worthwhile in the end; we just cannot manage a move involving this many rooms without closing the building and getting on with it.



THEREFORE WE ARE REARRANGING OUR TED DAY:

MONDAY 7TH JANUARY (SCHOOL WILL NOW BE OPEN THIS DAY)

MONDAY 25TH FEBRUARY (SCHOOL WILL NOW BE CLOSED THIS DAY)

PLEASE SEE NEW TERM DATES ATTACHED.

Thank you for your understanding.

Parents Evenings-Wednesday 5th & Thursday 6th December (and Monday 3rd December for Early Years)

Parent's Evening Appointments are now available to book via ParentMail. Please speak to the school office if you are experiencing any difficulties in booking your appointments. A Representative from the Governing Body will also be available on both parents evenings should you wish to discuss with them any aspect of school life. They will also be handing out our annual Parent Questionnaires.



Slight changes:-

- Mrs Bartlett will be in her new classroom; the old library
- Miss Branagh will be in the small Early Years Room, accessed from the corridor by Year 2
- Miss Bagnall will be in the larger Early Years Classroom, accessed from the main corridor



Christmas Crafts Sale- Friday 7th December from 2.30pm

The children are busy designing and making Christmas Crafts to sell from their classrooms on Friday 7th December from 2.30pm. These crafts will be priced between £1.00 - £2.50 depending on the making costs.

Early Years Christmas Concert Tuesday 11th & Wednesday 12th December

Due to a lack of hall space, Early Years are offering a Christmas Concert this year on 2 separate days; Tuesday 11th at 2.00pm and Wednesday 12th at 9.30am. We will be very limited for space (we only have 40 seats available), so seats will need to be booked. Please look out for the form on ParentMail. It is not expected that the children will have someone in the audience on both days.



Key Stage 1 Nativity extravaganza!–Wednesday 12th December @ 5.30pm in St James’ Church

This highly anticipated performance is in St James’ Church Hartlebury this year. Rehearsals are well underway! Stars, Kings, Shepherds and choirs of angels are everywhere! Watch out for further information.

Wear your Christmas Jumper Day- Friday 14th December

Children are invited to wear their favourite Christmas jumper to school for this day if they wish. They should wear their normal, regular school uniform with the exception of their jumper, replacing their Hartlebury top with a seasonal one of their choice! If they don’t have a Christmas jumper they can decorate their school jumper with some Christmassy tinsel!

Dippy the Clown- Monday 17th December

The PTA are funding this Christmas entertainment for all children this year and I’m sure everyone will enjoy it!! This is the PTA’s way of giving something back to the children as a way of thanking you all for your brilliant support again this year.

If you know your child is a little wary of clowns please ensure you have told your child’s teacher.

Reading Party- Tuesday 18th December

This Reading Party is much anticipated by the children and we are expecting record numbers to attend- which is AMAZING!! So THANK YOU for all your support; the children’s reading skills are definitely improving! The party will take the whole afternoon, with surprises for everyone. Watch out for your party invitation and get your themed outfit ready!

The Christmas Lunch- Wednesday 19th December

All children are invited to have a hot dinner on this day. Children in receipt of Universal Free School Meals will automatically receive a Christmas lunch. Those children who have opted out of Universal Free School Meals and those in Key Stage 2 can order a lunch for £2.80. Pre-school children can order a lunch at the reduced price of £2.00. Please look out for the form via ParentMail and send your money in an envelope marked with the child’s name and ‘Christmas Lunch’ as soon as possible but certainly by Wednesday 12th December.

School End of Term Worship – Thursday 20th December @ 9.00am

The whole school will be visiting St James’ Church for Christmas readings and carol singing on the morning of Thursday 20th December at 9.00am. Parents, grandparents, carers and friends are all very welcome to join us on this occasion; get the Christmas season and holidays well and truly started! Tea, coffee and refreshments will be on offer, thanks again to the PTA.

Last Day of Term- Thursday 20th December

Key Stage 1 and Early Years

No electronic games please BUT, please bring a toy or game to share with your friends.

Key Stage 2

Children in Key Stage 2 - Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 can bring in their electronic toys for the last day of term if they wish BUT, I must insist that these will be the children’s responsibility (school cannot accept ANY responsibility if games are lost or broken). I ask that you, as parents, are aware that these devices have been brought in and talk to the children about their personal responsibility for all games and devices. There is **NO** access to the internet for any home devices or iPads brought in, as home devices are not governed by our security systems. **MOBILE PHONES are not permitted and will be taken from the children and kept safely if they are brought in.**



Christingle Service- St James' Church on Christmas Eve @ 4.00pm

Claire Thorley is again organizing the Christingle Service at St James' Church on Christmas Eve at 4.00pm. She is hoping lots of our children will go and is looking for some of our older children to volunteer to take readings and say prayers. There will also be an opportunity for some of the younger children to take part in the nativity story. If you are able to go and would like to take part, please let Claire know by email. Her address is claire.thorley@icloud.com
It's always great to take part in a service at this special time of year.



*On behalf of everyone here at
Hartlebury Church of England Primary School
We wish you a very
Merry Christmas ... and a Happy New Year!*



School Re-Opens – Monday 7th January @ 8.50am (NB. Change of date)

School Closed - Friday 25th January 2019 (Classroom moving day)

School Closed - Monday 25th February 2019 (Teacher Education Day)

Are you eligible for Free school Meals?

Don't miss out! Please consider applying for Free School Meals next term if you think you may be entitled. Miss Gledhill should be your first port of call, as she knows all about the process. Even if your child receives Universal Free School meals, i.e. is in Reception, Years 1 or 2, there are lots of additional benefits to putting your application in beyond the school meal.